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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: CRISIS AT KAWKABA II

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS CALLED AS KINSOLVING AND I
WERE FINISHING UP OUR CHILI AND RICE AT MARINE MESS AND SAID
HE HAD BEEN REFLECTING ON WHAT I HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT JERUSALEM'S
LAST HOT FLASH (REFERENCE NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE TO ME AT MOMENT)
ABOUT MILITIAS MOVING TANKS UP TO BOMBARD LEBANESE AND UNIFIL
DETACHMENTS. HE ASKED IN SOME ANGUISH WHAT SORT OF WORLD THIS
WAS IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL COULD DEFEY
UNIFIL AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON. DID NOT INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HAVE ANY POWER TO STOP THEM? WHAT WERE WE DOING?
WHAT WAS UN DOING? DID WE NOT REALIZE
THEY WERE GOING TO BE BOMBARDING NORWEGIANS AND NEPALESE AS
WELL AS LEBANESE? WHERE WAS WORLD CONSCIENCE?

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2. I SAID I HAD JUST BEEN ON LINE TO WASHINGTON AND WE WERE
DOING EVERYTHING WE COULD. MAJOR HADDAD, HOWEVER, HAVING
FIRED ON LEBANESE TROOPS APPARENTLY HAD THROWN CAUTION TO WINDS
AND WAS PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING. WE FULLY UNDERSTOOD GRAVITY OF
SITUATION, BUT IF HE WANTED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DO SOME-
THING I SUGGESTED HE PERSONALLY GET ON TELEPHONE TO WALDHEIM
AND TELL HIM HIS CONCERNS. BOUTROS SAID TUENI HAD ALREADY

CALED WALDHEIM YESTERDAY. I SAID HE HAD CALLED NEW YORK BUT HAD NOT SPOKEN TO WALDHEIM. HE HAD SPOKEN TO GUYER, WHO HAD SPOKEN TO WALDHEIM, WHO HAD TURNED AROUND AND ASKED US TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WALDHEIM SHOULD BE URGED TO USE THE AUTHORITY OF HIS POSITION TO URGE MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON ISRAELIS. BOUTROS SAID HE WOULD GET ON LINE TO TUENI AGAIN. HE THEN FADED AWAY.

3. SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF NORWEGIANS AND NEPALESE SUMMONED WHATEVER ISRAELI REPRESENTATION THEY MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ISRAEL'S CLIENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON ARE THREATENING TO BOMBARD NEPALESE AND NORWEGIAN CONTINGENTS.
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